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NEWSLINE

They Said It:

"The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom - they are the pillars of society."

-Henrik Ibsen

Fact:

The rainiest spot in the US is Mt. Waialeale, Hawaii with an annual rainfall of over 460 inches.

CAMPUS

RSC scholarship offers

Applications for 1989-90 scholarships are now available in the scholarship office.

A listing of available scholarships will be handed out with the applications. An information packet must be filled out for each scholarship application turned in. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1989 at 5 p.m. and the names of the winners will be posted on April 17, 1989.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

Registration schedule set

Enrollment for the Spring semester begins Jan. 3 and continues through Jan. 13. Instruction begins Jan. 18 and ends May 19.

Early registration will be mailed on Dec. 1 to students presently carrying 10 or more units. Students with less than 10 will have their forms sent on Dec. 7.

Computer art

The Art Forum which is held weekly on Mondays in room C-104 at noon by the RSC Art Department will feature Sharon Ford, RSC computer graphics instructor.

Ford's pioneering work in computer graphics education has propelled RSC to a leadership role in this exciting new career field. This year a group of 15 RSC students placed third in a national competition for Student Animations and Poster design.

For additional information regarding the featured artist or the Art Forum contact RSC Art Instructor Gene Isaacson at 667-3177.

ACTIVITIES

Winter festival

The city of Orange Department of Community Services is sponsoring "Winter Fest '88" Sunday Dec. 11, in the Downtown Orange Plaza.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the festivities will feature Santa Claus, plaza tree lighting, gospel singers, guitarists, dancers, and strolling musicians.

The Orange Plaza will be open to pedestrian traffic until 8 p.m. For further information contact the city of Orange Recreation Department at (714) 532-0383.

Newport harbor lights

For those who missed it last year and all who didn't and want to go again, Community Services is offering the "Newport Harbor Christmas Light Parade" trip Dec. 20.

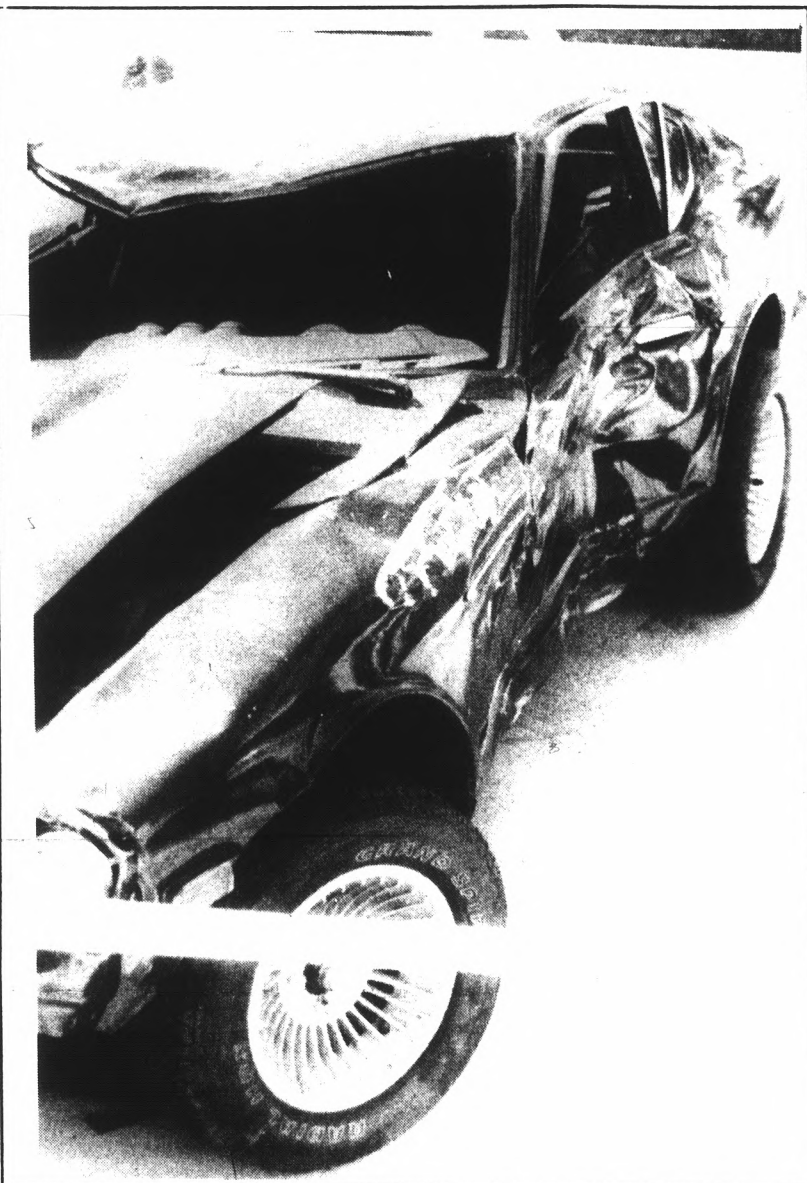
The fee of \$14 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 includes, transportation to the dock and the boat trip. Seating is limited, so make reservations early in the Johnson Center.

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Tim Selvidge

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Narrow escape



DEADLY EFFECTS- A car that was driven by a drunk driver is being displayed near the Johnson Center in hopes to deter holiday drunk driving.

Photo by/ Graham Schilmdmeyer

el Don leadership Sharpens outlook for spring semester

"This semester has been a great experience, and I want to keep the same level of excitement and fun and still carry over the professionalism." -Toby Sharp

Toby Sharp has been selected to fill next semester's position as el Don editor in chief.

Sharp, who has served as Entertainment and Style editor on the paper for the past two semesters, was chosen by a panel of advisers and staff to succeed Robert Hernandez in the editorial capacity.

According to Sharp, his main focus

next semester will be maintaining the precedent set forth by Hernandez and his staff, and to further the quality of the el Don.

"This semester has been a great experience for myself as well as the staff in general," said Sharp, "and I want to keep the same level of excitement and fun and still carry over the professionalism."

Sharp, who is a full time student also holds a part time job at Freedonia Funnyworks in Orange and volunteers as an adviser for the Orange Presbyterian High School Fellowship in addition to acting as the program director at Camp Emerald Bay in Catalina.

These life experiences, combined with his journalistic skills and leadership qualities made Sharp the panel's clear choice,

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Student enrollment levels remain stable, report says

Adult Education, charted at highest growth

BY DAN TRATENSEK
NEWS EDITOR

The Fall 1988 RSC Enrollment Trends and Student Characteristics report was released this week and according to the research, the college's enlistment is holding steady across the board.

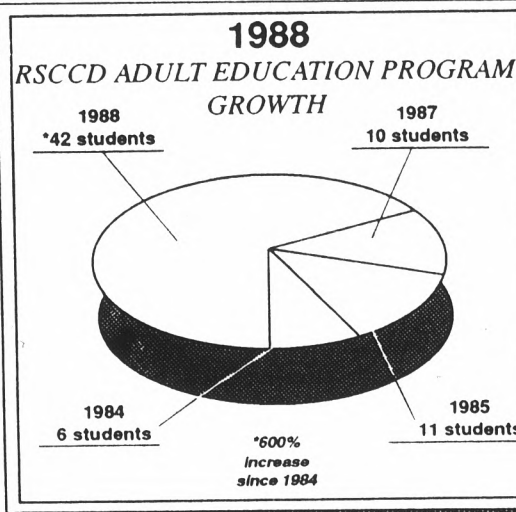
The report, which was compiled by the Institutional Research Department shows little or no fluctuation in the major areas of enrollment trends. However, it does show a marked increase in non-credit and adult education classes.

While the overall number of students enrolled in these courses is still below 50, the enrollment has tripled since the initial 1984 survey.

According to the semesterly study, adult education classes have increased by 600 percent since 1984 and non-credit enrollment has measured a 2000 student increase in the past year.

Hal Bateman, dean of admissions and records, credits an enhancement in course offerings as the reason for the escalation in enrollment and also cites community response to this growth as adding to the increase.

"The increase was mainly prompted by increased class sections offered by this institution," said Bateman, "the course offerings were increased in that area



(adult, non-credit) because of the great demand for English as a Second Language classes for naturalization purposes."

The study went on to list the average continuing education student as a male Hispanic with US citizenship, between the ages of 30-39.

Among the other research areas included in the study are the day to night student ratio, which has placed night students as accounting for 44 percent of the total student population with day students registering at 38 percent.

In 1987 the day to night ratio was dead even at 38 percent.

However, according to Bateman, this semester the college is offering more sections at night and more sections that begin in the early evening but are still counted as night.

Science/Tech

Wax figures into chemistry schedule

BY DONNA DEAN IRANI
STAFF WRITER

RSC's chemistry department has been invited to re-design the 25-year-old set of "The Nutty Professor" for Movieland's Wax Museum.

According to Dr. Charles Cowell, chemistry department chair, he was contacted last month by Barry Muszik, Movieland general manager, with a request to design a modern and more accurate glass lab works and supply an RSC lab coat for the Jerry Lewis wax figure to wear.

"I watched the movie a couple of times to get the idea of what is needed. I will come up with a couple of modern formulae and will use only equipment which is no longer in use at school," said Cowell.

According to the chemistry department, the shelving arrangement has been redesigned and they have contacted various companies who will donate any needed materials. The balance will come from unused RSC supplies.

Muszik said that he selected RSC from the list of neighboring colleges because of the location and "because I liked the fresh and spontaneous responses from the RSC chemistry department and (the project) should offer Dr. Cowell and his students an interesting challenge."

According to Muszik, the project is expected to be completed by the end of December and Jerry Lewis has been contacted with the possibility of his attending the display opening early next year.

FOCUS ON THE WINNERS

Ortell secures top vote tally in trustee race

BY RUTH MCGINNIS
IMAGE EDITOR

"Education has made such a great difference in my life, that I feel public service as a member of RSC's board of trustees is one way to repay the system," said Mike Ortell.

Ortell was recently elected to serve a third term on the board, garnering the most votes (50,544) of the three candidates running in the race for Area I, which surrounds and extends south of RSC's Santa Ana campus.

According to Ortell his re-election support was directed from members of the community who were happy with his accomplishments on the board.

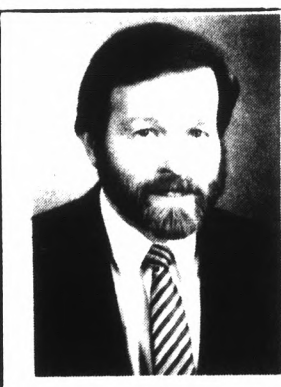
"Basically, I think the community has shown their appreciation for the work I've done in my two terms," said Ortell.

The thrust of Ortell's low profile campaign, headed by manager Ed Sakamoto of Orange, has been Ortell's view of the mission of the college.

"The mission of Rancho Santiago College is teaching. This should be kept at the forefront and can only be accomplished through the efforts of a quality staff," said Ortell.

"New construction should be done only when needed and administration should not become top-heavy. In the past four years, we were able to reduce administrative positions by eight."

According to Ortell, he is also highly in favor of an increase in compensation and



Mike Ortell

salary for educational staff.

"We have been able to keep salaries in the top 10 percent in the state and it is my commitment to see that the earnings of our employees do not become eroded by the increases in the cost of living or higher cost of housing in Orange County.

Ortell supports his view of RSC as an outstanding educational institution by citing the recent University of California, Irvine, study which showed that RSC

transfer students ranked highest in grade point average's with a medium of 3.04.

"60 percent of these RSC transfers did not qualify for UCI out of high school, so we must be doing our job well," Ortell said.

Outside endorsements were not solicited this year by the Ortell campaign.

However according to Ortell, he has "always been a teacher advocate, so the support of the teachers was important to my reelection. We did walk the precincts as well, especially near South Coast Plaza."

Ortell's great respect for the educational process stems from the impact of education on his early family life in an Iowa farming community. "My father was the first person in his family to seek higher education at the University of Iowa and it made a significant difference in the quality of life of our family."

Ortell, who holds a masters degree in mathematics from the University of New Mexico, has taught math for 22 years, the last 19 of them at Orange Coast College. He is married with five children and lives in Santa Ana.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Campus based service focuses on lowering student legal expenses

BY KIM NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Free legal assistance is being offered by the associated students of Rancho Santiago College to all RSC students, staff, and senior citizens of the community.

The initial 20 minute consultation is free, with a reduced rate for any further services required. This rate is about 45 to 55 percent below the usual fees charged by most attorneys.

"Eighty percent of the time I can answer the questions concerning the problems students are having in the 20 minute consultation, and they don't need to come back for any more advice" said Dennis McPherson, an attorney at the clinic.

While the attorneys attempt to field a wide variety of the cases, not all of the students that have taken advantage of the free legal service

Steps to receiving free legal aid:

- 1) Make an appointment with a professional attorney through the Student Activities office at 667-3098.
- 2) Outline your legal problem in order to be prepared for the free 20 minute consultation.
- 3) Have the attorney evaluate your problem and either refer you to another attorney or continue with your case.

The legal center is located in the Johnson Center in room U-102-1 and is open on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

have felt comfortable with it. However, according to McPherson the clinic attempts to provide as much help as possible.

The most common problems that the center deals are questions associated with child custody or other

domestic related issues according to McPherson.

Besides domestic problems, the clinic has helped students with a wide variety of problems ranging from landlord/tenant disputes and criminal law to will inquiries.

"I always try to answer all the questions I can, and make the student feel at ease. It's important your client understands what is going on, and trusts his attorney," said McPherson.

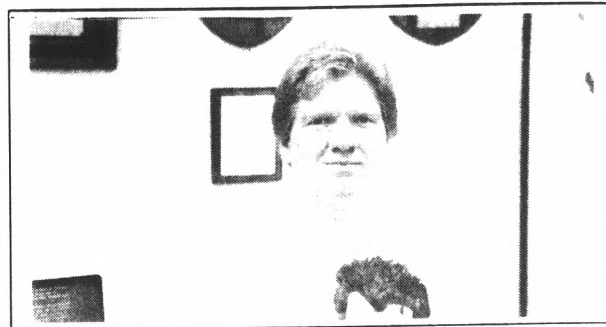
A lot of the people seen at the clinic, come in to ask questions they are afraid to ask their own attorney. "They say the attorney won't answer their phone calls or really intimidates them," said McPherson.

One of the tips McPherson gave for people who need to see an attorney is to clearly understand the problem they have before going in.

"Before going to the clinic to see a attorney, it would prove helpful, to write down an account of the problem, from start to finish. This will enable you to spend most of the time discussing the problem at hand," said McPherson.

The clinic is located in conference room 1 of the health center, U-102, Johnson Center. The hours are, Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. An appointment is required, call 667-3098.

Sharp: New editor in chief takes charge of el Don



Toby Sharp

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according to Charles Little, Journalism Advisor.

"Toby is an extraordinary leader, speaker and writer," said Little. "He has really been an asset to our program, and I know he'll go a long way."

The el Don, which has received numerous awards including an All-American ranking, has placed in the top three spots for headline writing, front page lay-out and general excellence as a tabloid.

The paper, though, has taken a large step this past semester and switched to broadsheet format which increases both the size, availability of design aspects and according to Sharp poses a welcome challenge to the staff.

"We have got a lot of good veterans coming back to help us this semester and we have got a pretty seasoned staff," said Sharp.

Among the returning staff are Patrick Mitchell- Viewpoint Editor, Tim Selvidge- News Editor, Dan Tratensek- Design Editor, Tracie Elenz- Production Coordinator, Joe Guercio- Photo Editor and Robert Hernandez, who will be Image Editor, replacing Ruth Mc Ginnis, who is graduating.

RSC offers two magazine courses for the spring semester

West 17th, the official student magazine of RSC is encouraging anyone interested in magazine writing, design or production to join the Journalism 124: Magazine Production class in spring 1988.

The course is a three unit classroom/lab that takes place on Thursday nights. In the class, students are taught the functions and workings of a professional publication. Students then create their own magazine from the ground up including: generating of stories, page design and funding.

All of the work is done hands on, on the latest in desk top publishing equipment and word processing programs.

In addition to the print journalism program, beginning this spring semester, RSC's telecommunications department will begin production of a monthly campus-oriented television news magazine.

The magazine will be produced, written and directed by students enrolled in Telecommunications 198: Television Magazine Class.

For more information regarding the Journalism 198: Magazine Production course, contact Charles Little at 667-3180 and for information regarding the Telecommunications 198: TV News Magazine course, contact Terry Bales at 667-3266.

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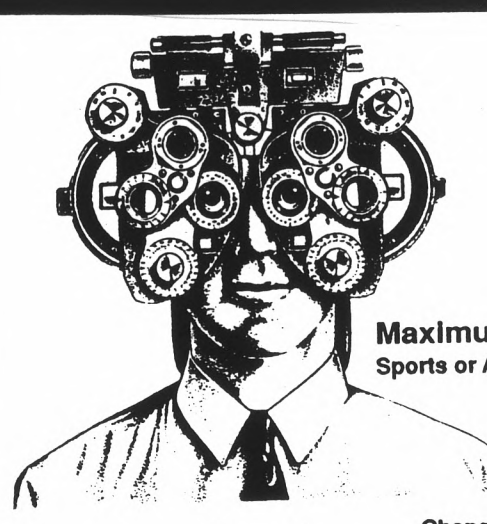
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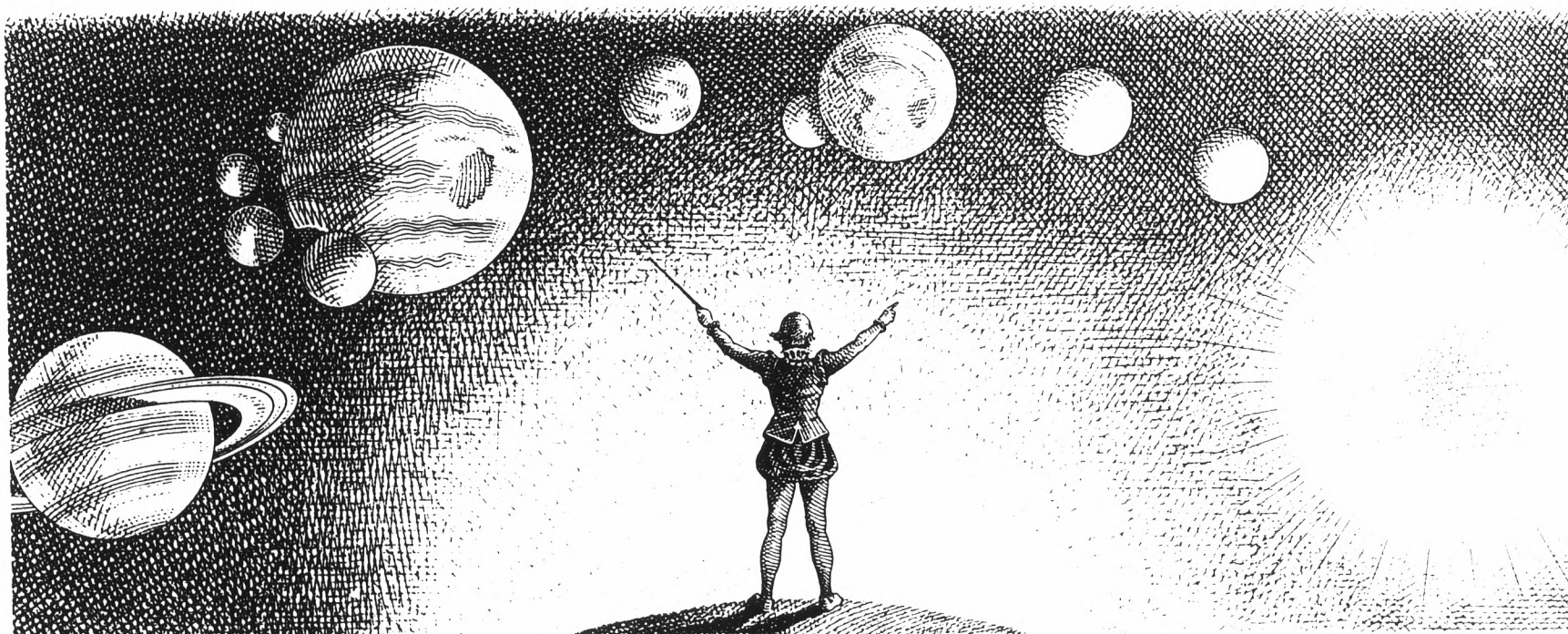
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Choir on the ball for holidays

By Toby Sharp
Style Editor

A Family Holiday Celebration will be presented by Dr. Larry K. Ball, conductor, with the California Master Chorale, Concert Cho-

rale, handbells and Southern California Brass on Dec. 9, 1988, 8 pm, at Phillips Hall Theatre.

This years program will include Gloria by John Rutter, Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham, and the

American Premiere of Leslie Pearson's arrangements of Holiday Carols Suite and traditional Christmas favorites.

"Our Dec. 9 performance promises to be of very high quality," said Ball. "The choir is musically the most cohesive and well-prepared as any choir I've had in several semesters."

According to Ball, the Gloria and Christmas Cantata are "companion

works, though musically they are different. Both use similar forces chorally and musically."

Included in the So. Cal. Brass are various doctoral students and young freelance professionals,

many who have toured with Ball throughout the United States.

Vocal forces, The Concert Chorale and California Master Chorale, are the students from RSC who are enrolled in

the music that enables a spirit of joy and anticipation that other seasons don't have." With the quality of this program in the performances of the choir, handbells, and brass is also the opportunity for the audience to get involved in a more personal way. An Audience Sing-along is offered, an event popular in previous Holiday programs.

Spencer E. McMullin will be the narrator this year. He has narrated for the Holiday program before and, according to Ball, "When Spence speaks, people listen."

Premiering this year is Pearson's musical arrangements which were set up by Ball last summer in London when he met with Pearson.

RSC's choral program is varied and excellent. "Applied Music (private lesson program) at RSC is a unique program in community colleges," said Ball also stating that it's one that more students should avail themselves to. Besides the two traditional art music choirs that Ball conducts, RSC offers two vocal jazz choirs under the direction of Scott Fredrickson.

"Brilliance of Beethoven" is the tentative title for the spring performance.

Dr. Ball has been in the music department at RSC, and when it was Santa Ana College, since 1975. He did his undergraduate work in a conservatory and received his Doctorate in Choral Music Conducting at the University of Southern California.

For ticket information and reservations call (714) 667-3163.

WHAT: A Family Holiday Celebration
WHERE: Phillips Hall Theatre, 17th at Bristol
WHEN: Dec. 9, 1988, 8 pm
WHO: RSC's California Master Chorale and Concert Chorale, Handbells, and Southern California Brass, Dr. Larry K. Ball, conductor

Forces at work musically for the Celebration include the Southern California Brass and an "outstanding handbell choir from this area."

Ball's day and night classes. This is the season where "People respond to the Holiday carols," stated Ball. "There's a quality about



CONDUCTOR- Dr. Larry K. Ball as he passionately leads the choral and musical forces for the holiday celebration.



GLIMPSES- A view of the orchestra and choir during last year's performance of the holiday show.
Photos by Susan Groetsch/RSC Media Services

RSC STUDENT PHOTO POLL

What do you want from Santa?

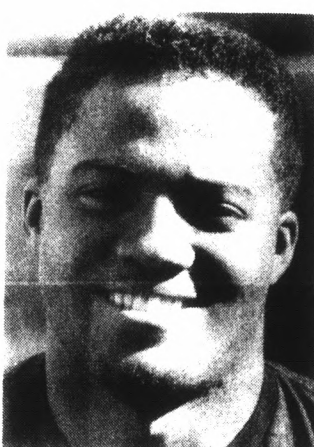
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"A happy new year."



Lena Davidson
Age-18
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"I want it all!"



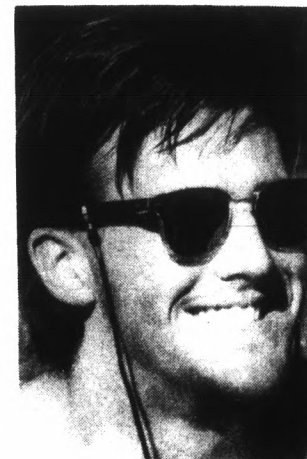
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"Peace to
everyone."



Information compiled by staff writers Andrea Schugall and Alexandra Wittgen
Photos by Toby Sharp/el Don

Take 5

By Toby Sharp
Style Editor

"Chocolate Lovers Unite" is the title of a one-day workshop offered by the Rancho Santiago College Community Services Office on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 am to noon.

This class gives holiday chefs a chance to enhance their special chocolate recipes for the holiday season. The group will meet in room T-212 on the RSC Santa Ana Campus, 17th at Bristol and the fee for the workshop is \$25, plus a \$3.50 materials fee at the door.

Workshop participants will see demonstrations and assist in the preparation of a confectionery bill of fare that includes chocolate truffles, swiss chocolate cherry cake, blonde brownies and some of the best-ever fudge. The class will also deal with Orange County sources for chocolate and different chocolates for different recipes. Participants are encour

aged to bring their own special chocolate recipe to share with others in class.

RSC Community Services will present five performances of Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic "The Nutcracker" on Friday through Sunday, Dec. 16-18, in the Phillips Hall Auditorium at the Santa Ana campus. Evening performances on all three days begin at 7:30 pm with matinee shows on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 pm.

Featured in this rendition is the Villa Park Ballet, under the direction of Jonette Rettig, Artistic Director. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, senior citizens and RSC students. Special group rates are available. For more information on "Chocolate Lovers Unite" and "The Nutcracker" call (714) 667-3096.



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BY STEPHANIE HENSON
STAFF WRITER

A new and innovative English program called the Puente Project has been arming Hispanic students with the tools they need to survive in college and in life.

"Puente means bridge in Spanish, and the Puente Project links students, college, and the Mexican American community into a network of support paralleling that in the community itself, where helping one another is an integral part of the culture," wrote directors Felix Galaviz and Patricia McGrath in the program outline.

The Puente Project, which originated at Chabot College in Hayward, Calif., is administered at RSC under the direction of Betty Dixon and Gloria Bailey of the English department and Isaac Guzman and Caroline Baca-Frye from the counseling office. The class is made up of 30 students who have made a one year

commitment to the program which provides six units of credit.

"The Puente Project is for Mexican-American students who qualify for English 061, desire to strengthen their English skills, have access to a Mexican-American counselor and contact with a community mentor, with the goal of transferring to a four year college," said Dixon.

In addition to English 061 and

101, the students take a word processing class, visit various universities and engage in social events. The application process involves an interview and sample writing.

The instructors and counselors attend special training classes to prepare them for the team teaching style utilized in the program.

Special consideration is given to the students' academic needs and

problems are dealt with as they arise.

Many of the students in the program are the first members of their families to attend college and the opportunity is taken very seriously. Most of the students who start the program stay with it to completion.

In addition to classroom instruction, students have contact with community mentors who are

Mexican-American professionals with a college education. These volunteers help the students to realize their goals through hard work and dedication.

The program directors try to match professionals with students who have similar career goals. Meetings are set up throughout the semester and the relationships formed often continue after the program is over. Mentors help the

students become more comfortable in the professional world and prepare for a career of their own.

RSC is the only community college in Orange County to offer the program and in the three years since it began, it has produced very successful graduates. Instructors have found that overall, students have increased dependability, gone down on drugs, and their rates have improved.

Students sign up for more academic courses and show improvement in their English and writing skills as well as a more proved attitude toward their educational abilities.

The Puente Project provides Hispanic students with a path to the future. Further information about the application process is available from the Puente Project at 667-1120 or the Counseling Center at 667-1120. Applications are being accepted through 1989 spring.

Puente Project

A unique program designed to pair Mexican American students with community mentors has led to a resounding success in assisting them to reach their goal of a college education

STUDENT PROFILE

Writing a new chapter in her life

BY MARY MCCORMACK
STAFF WRITER

The nations of the world were at war when, on a crisp October morning in 1940, a bundle of joy was delivered to the son of a Norwegian immigrant and his wife, in the border town of Beloit, Wisconsin.

Harold and Alice Knudson aptly named their second child Ruth, a biblical name which means 'compassion' or 'pity'.

Ruth Knudson McGinnis has come a long way from the dairy lands of Wisconsin, to graduate this December from RSC. Well-respected and loved by her fellow staff members, she spent five semesters on the el Don staff and earned her journalism degree, her second since obtaining her nursing degree in 1960. Ruth still embraces education with the same vitality as she did years ago in Beloit.

With her older sister, Carol Anne, and younger brother, Kenneth, Ruth attended Royce Elementary School and later studied at Beloit Memorial High School, where she was an A-student. She took piano lessons and played clarinet in her high school band.

As a 17-year-old, Ruth enrolled in a three-year nurses' training program at Lutheran General Hospital in Parkridge, a suburb of Chicago. Upon her graduation in 1960, she began working full-time at the same hospital.

"She was really well thought of there. She got to be the head nurse of the Emergency Room by the time she was 22...maybe 23 years old," said John McGinnis, who was then the young salesman whom Ruth was destined to marry.

"I had a friend who was dating one of (Ruth's) roommates and he needed a ride over to see his girlfriend and there was Ruth. So they set us up and that's the way that got started," reminisced John.



RUTH MCGINNIS

John McGinnis served six months in the Illinois National Guard before the couple got married on May 24, 1964.

"We've been married now for almost 25 years," said John.

"It was a big church wedding," said Ruth's mother, adding that it was "because Ruth had so many friends."

Immediately following the wedding in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Beloit, the young pair drove Ruth's car across the country to California.

"That was our honeymoon. I think we took about seven days. We weren't breaking any speed records. We stopped in several places like Yellowstone, Las Vegas,

and so on, and that was a fun trip," said John.

The couple first lived in Lynnwood, then Glendale. They bought their first home in Anaheim, in 1965. In December of the following year, Ruth gave birth to a daughter they named Kelly.

Ruth continued her nursing career at Lynnwood Memorial Hospital and later at Anaheim Memorial Hospital, but stopped in 1969 when twins, Katy and John, were born.

After living in Anaheim for a few years, the McGinnis family moved to Santa Ana, which has been their home ever since.

Ruth and John's fourth child, Kerry, arrived in August, 1972.

Throughout the years, Ruth has involved herself wholeheartedly in various volunteer activities.

As a girl in Beloit, she sang in the church choir and attended Sunday school, eventually teaching there when she reached her teens.

"Ruth has always been involved in church work. She loves doing that. She is president of the church women at Redhill Lutheran Church (in Tustin)," reported her husband.

"It's been that influence and background that she has that has built a real good moral character in our kids, and I'm happy with this aspect of the way they've turned out," John continued proudly.

Ruth's friendliness and love of people knows no bounds. She strongly supports Glass Mountain Inn, Inc., an organization founded in 1968 by and for physically challenged adults in Orange County.

A student at RSC for several semesters, she now faces graduation.

"I think that as the kids grew up and weren't quite so dependant on her, Ruth just decided that she wanted to do something more than stay at home and be a housewife and mother," said John.

"I'm graduating with more units than I need for an AA in journalism. I've taken classes like political science and P.E. I learned how to golf (at RSC) and got clubs but I haven't been out (golfing) since! There's just no time,"

she said.

The graduate-to-be said that the number one thing her husband's high standard at the sports helped her to even beating him at his own game.

John reported that Ruth is "so busy" that she has been involved with GMI and church, among other things. "She doesn't have time for a hobby. However, she does say that she loves to cook, and is very good at it."

According to John, Ruth's path to journalism at RSC "somehow just evolved in her mind."

"We've always accused Ruth of being a natural journalist. She seemed to be naturally good at it."

"Cause once she starts talking to you about it, she'll tell you all their background facts and figures," said John.

According to her mother, Ruth wanted to pursue her interests in the journalism field after graduation.

Charles Little, journalism instructor at RSC, said that Ruth is "a great role model for the other students in the journalism program."

"We spend so much time working on the program that she's like our second mom," said Tracie Elenz, president of the journalism club.

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"She's the roast beef and the mashed potatoes," said Dan Tratsensk, news editor.

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Donna Dean Irani, a staff writer, said that Ruth is "a great role model for the other students in the journalism program."

"As far as Ruth's personality goes, she's been this before by a lot of other people. She's one of the kindest, warm-hearted people I've ever met," added, "I think that is Ruth's strong point. What people love her for."

AMERICAN SCENE

A look at an American Christmas

BY ALICE QUINONES
STAFF WRITER

"The Melting Pot of America," People come here from all corners of the globe, bringing their beliefs and customs with them. They soon learn our language and adapt to our way of life, but do they adapt to our holiday celebrations as well?

We assume Christmas, our biggest holiday, is celebrated the world-over in much the same way. Although it is considered a Christian holiday, do these new and old Americans of non-Christian belief celebrate it?

Issa Ziedah, a Moslem from Egypt, said, "We don't actually have a Christmas. I take the holiday because it is there. Jesus was just a man, a prophet. We celebrate the 'Ied el Addha' or 'Breaking Fast Holiday.'"

Ziedah stated that this yearly celebration falls in July or sometimes August. It's a celebration of when God gave Abraham the ram to sacrifice in place of his son, according to Ziedah. "Since coming to America, we have had a Christmas tree and gifts each year. Our children's friends all do this, so we do it for our children," said Ziedah.

Mahesh Shah, a Hindu from India, said, "We don't celebrate Christmas. We believe Christmas is Jesus' birthday but He was only a disciple of Vishnu, our god. We pray to Vishnu through Rama, his son."

Shah said their yearly celebration is the Hindu New Year which is

observed on Nov. 10. The Hindu use the Moon Calendar and are now in the year 2045. He stated that in India there is a holiday because the Christians have made it one, but there is no celebration of it.

"Since we have been in America," said Shah, "we have a Christmas tree and gifts for our children. All their friends do this, so we do it also."

Ed Butsch, of the Jewish faith, said, "We don't celebrate Christmas as Christians do. We believe it's Jesus' birthday and he was a great prophet but we don't celebrate the occasion."

According to Butsch, the Jewish celebration is called the "Festival of Lights" (Hannukkah), which occurs at the same time as Christmas. It is held in remembrance of when God's temple fell in 60 AD and the Eternal Light (the Menorah) burned for eight days without oil.

"The children get gifts and money for eight nights," he said, "as we light each candle in the Menorah."

Butsch stated, "Christmas is for the children, so we do have a Christmas tree with the Hannukkah celebration. This gives our children something to do while their friends are getting gifts from Santa Claus."

So the melting pot concept is still at work in America. Whether new arrivals or ancestors of immigrants, these pilgrims learn our language, adapt to our way of life and Christian or not, celebrate our "American-style Christmas"

As Rick Williams, an American

from Idaho, said, "I claim no religious beliefs. However, Christmas to me is Santa Claus, trimming a Christmas tree with friends, open-

ing presents with my family Christmas morning and eating a big Christmas dinner."



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Camelot or a camel lot?

J.F.K.- Initials stirring mythical images of the misty white castle on Pennsylvania Avenue. A modern Camelot, America's King Arthur presiding over a bright and shiny nation full of hope and wonder.

On Nov. 22, 1963 Camelot came crashing down. The death of innocence. The death of America's King. The beginning of the myth known as J.F.K.

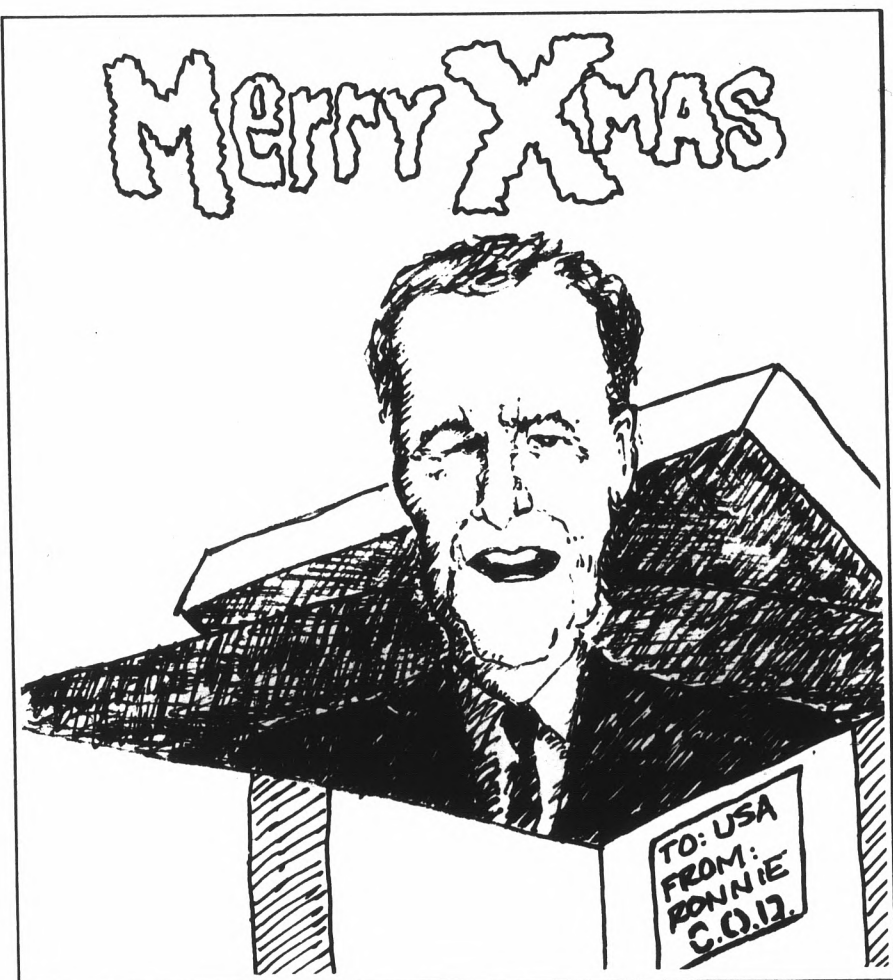
Our fascination with John Kennedy is more a desire for things that might have been than the reality of the man that was. Historically Kennedy receives mixed reviews. His administration, although perceived as the leader in the fight for civil rights, was hesitant and never passed any significant legislation. It was not until the Johnson administration that any landmark legislation was passed.

As time moves on and the generations who were effected by the tragedy and the rhetoric pass away, only the record of the Kennedy administration will be left to stand the test of history. In essence the mist will have cleared and the sharp eye of historical perspective will reveal that perhaps J.F.K. was 'No Jack Kennedy.'

This is not to say that Kennedy was by any means insignificant or unimportant. Perhaps his greatest heritage will be his ability to inspire and move the youth and minorities in this country to action. And while his legacy is tied to Vietnam, womanizing and the Bay of Pigs, he is also remembered as a man of hope.

In death Kennedy has become an enigma- An emperor whose clothes appear to now be all too transparent- Yet, sadly, one cannot help but wonder about the bright and shining hopes of what might have been if we had not lost our King in the mist of reality.

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Christmas in Kennebunkport

BY DAN TRATENSEK
NEWS EDITOR

It's a quiet Christmas Eve in the Bush house.

The Maine winds are blowing across the tennis courts and the lights are reflecting off of the ice on the pool.

George and Barbara along with their kids and grandkids are obediently huddled around the blue flocked tree as the maid brings in the luke warm egg-nog (minus the rum of course).

Still stuffed from the pheasant they had hours earlier Barbara asks the butler to hand her a book from the shelf and begins to read.

"Twas' the night before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse..."

George interrupts with a crack about wishing he had the same exterminator and Barbara laughs and puts down the book.

"Grandpa George. What are you going to buy Grandma Barbara for Christmas now that you are President?" one of the Bush's grandchildren questions.

"Well honey I am a little tapped after that multi-million dollar election smear campaign I partially funded. I'll probably have to stick to fruitcake and a card this year."

"But Grandpa didn't you get your federally mandated tax break for your overly excessive income?"

"Yes Buffy, but what would the press think if I were to buy Grandma another stuffed baby mink like last year?"

After fending off the remainder of the standard holiday questions, Barbara suggests that George call in the piano player and cellist so that the family can sing some carols.

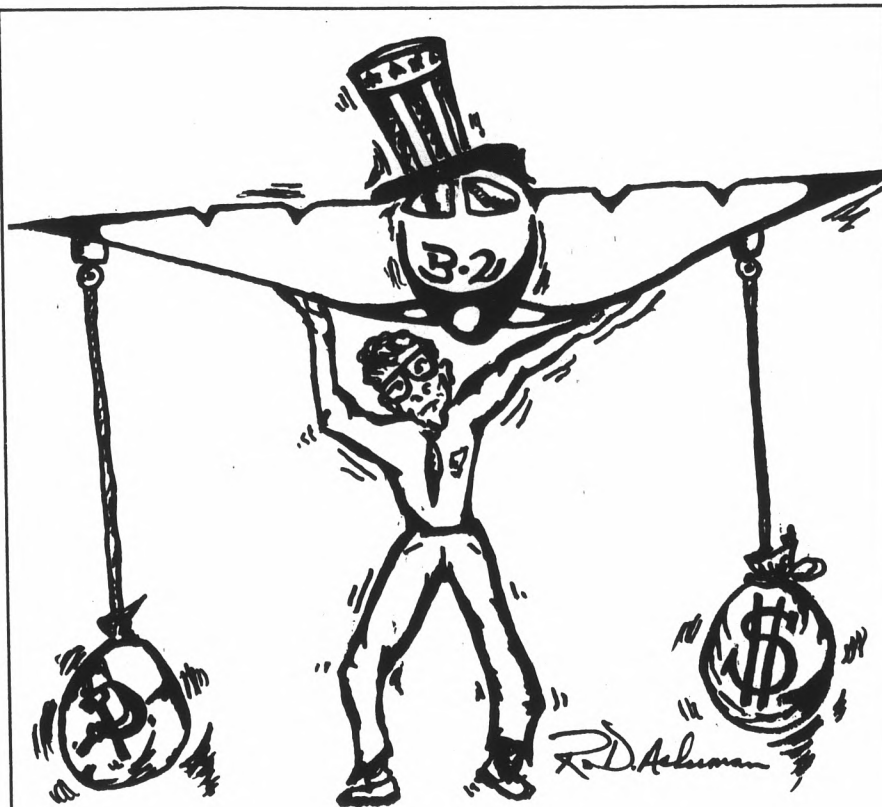
"Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new peoples mandate." (Something doesn't sound quite right about that).

When the carols are finished George asks the chamber maid, to ask the house maid to ask the valet to send the limousine to bring their gifts over to the Reagans.

As the little Bush clan scurries to their rooms George and Barbara cuddle up next to the fire and George pulls out a big velvet Santa suit and hands it to Barbara.

"George I thought we were going to have Mr. T be Santa again this year," Barbara asks.

"Well huns, if you do it we can save on the pillow, and you've already got the white beard and mustache."



A costly game of chess

WENDY KABIRI
STAFF WRITER

The super-power game of technological advancements can be likened to the "My move, your move" of chess.

America has opened her Pandora's box once again - this time in Palmdale, Ca. Looking like a gigantic tailless, steel blue sting ray, the B2 Stealth bomber heralds a new era in strategic defense.

With the capability of deflecting enemy radar waves, the B2 is acclaimed as America's most sophisticated bomber. Production is planned for 152 of these awesome beauties.

Is there a need for such a large number of them? What a way to begin the Bush administration with such a show of strength. With the expected visit of the Soviet Union's Mikhail Gorbachev to this country early next year, the timing of the appearance of the B2 cannot be lost. Is this saber-rattling? What next?

Is Arafat a threat?

BY PATRICK MITCHELL
AND CHARLES NORTH

The many questions raised by the US denial of PLO chief Yasser Arafat's entry visa are intriguing.

The Reagan administration has denied the visa on the basis that Arafat is a threat to national security. We feel that the US should look elsewhere for threats to our national security. Is the admittance of one man, invited by the United Nations general assembly, that much of a threat?

As a host and not an arbitrator it is not our duty to decide who can and cannot speak at the UN. If we continue to repudiate the operations of the UN we should re-evaluate the "privilege" of hosting it.

The Arab nation's threat of relocating the General Assembly to Geneva is no intimidation to the Reagan Administration. Reagan, who had prior knowledge of the denial said that any other response would have sent the message "that we're paties."

The permanent removal of the UN to an unthreatening non super-power could remedy a cumbersome headache. The tangible output of the UN when weighed against the US' financial input is found wanting.

Although the final result of this showdown may prove beneficial, the denial of Arafat's visa has no immediate import and is inexcusable.

Letters

Soar loosing

To the Editors

A subtle scene slipped into my mind recently as I read a Nov. 18 opinion article in the el Don, titled "Some personal questions for the new president."

The scene I saw was that of a man snickering as he sat in front of a computer thumbing through a thesaurus. The keys on his computer were not that of letters or characters but little red buttons. Using the thesaurus he was mapping out his plan of attack. "Retaliatory strikes are insufficient, but most assuredly serve the cause," I could see the man thinking. As the man began to stroke the buttons on his computer a small mystic cloud formed over his head. Inside the cloud was the word "Mandate" half hidden behind a circle-slash "No sign." Interestingly enough the last thing that I saw was a patch on the mans arm. This was also the thing which stuck most in my mind, because it read "News Editor."

This was only a day dream of mine induced by Dan Tratsensk's (el Don News Editor) opinion article, but the article was no dream.

This question raising commando raid did in fact bring many questions to this readers mind. For example:

What eyes do I see my most local news through?

How much of the news I read can I trust is non-partisan?

What purpose did this article serve, since it contained no facts?

Could the news editor of the el Don subscribe to the idea the Bush did not win the election, Dukakis only lost?

Are nonfactual assaults on peoples characters going to become a regular occurrence in the el Don?

Will the level of disrespect for the for the president of the United States ever stop increasing?

These questions don't have the same chuckling effect on readers, but they do rise above the laughter of the losing candidates supporters.

Hiding behind a opening statement of unbelievable support for the majorities choice, the news editor of the el Don conducted a babbling session, not a authoritative opinion on any important issues.

Like the news editors article this letter also attacks a person. It also falls short on a count of facts and probably leads the readers to believe untrue.

I don't believe the el Don or its news editor express any biased in its or his reporting, but when the rules are set at not needing facts, then where are the limitations.

Supporters of the article mite defend it by saying it was all in fun, but was it really funny? And what did it look more like a joke or a attack? And does the el Don want to be trusted and respected or unbelieved and disregarded?

Media not at fault

In response to Suzanne R. Cox's letter to the editor.

You wrote in stating that "for months we were told that there is no clear-cut choice for president, that we would simply be electing the 'lesser of two evils.'"

It seems to me that you are mad because the press didn't spotlight your candidate. Also, if you had chosen a candidate already, what the press said doesn't matter. The press wouldn't change the way you vote. For those who didn't have a clear-cut idea of who they would vote for, a newspaper is no place to look for help. If you rely on a newspaper to make your decision for you, you are ignorant.

You also said, "It's a shame that something as valuable as the press has sunk to such depths." That is a wonderful thing to say, since you are doing so much. I'm sure your so disgusted with the press that you are going to start your own paper and present the news the way it should be, right? Look before you look.

Hector Miranda

SPORTSLINE

They Said It:

"He's the greatest player in NBA history. He showed style, perseverance and talent."

Julius Erving, referring to the retiring Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Fact:

Rogie Vachon, general manager of the Kings, holds the club record for the most games played by a goaltender. He played in 389 games as goaltender.

FOOTBALL

Dons ride in Pony Bowl Saturday

The Dons football team received a bid to play in the 1988 Pony Bowl at LeBard Stadium (Costa Mesa) Saturday at 1 p.m.

The game will mark the Dons first appearance in a bowl game since they defeated Ventura (18-16) in the Elk Bowl in 1965.

Closing the season with a third straight loss (29-19) to OCC and a 6-3-1 record, Dave Ogas, RSC head coach, was happy just to receive the bid.

"This will give the sophomores a chance to erase the taste of a loss in their final game," said Ogas. "However, we will have to be at our best against a quality team like Moorepark."

Saddleback and El Camino meet later in the evening for the second game of the Pony Bowl.

Advance tickets are available in the Don Bookstore (Santa Ana Campus) for \$5. No passes will be accepted.

BASKETBALL

Villanueva leads RSC to victory

College of the Desert became RSC's latest victim as the Dons registered a 86-63 victory at home.

Sophomore Tommy Villanueva led the Dons with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Gene Altamirano added 14 and Mike Oden had 12. Joe McFerrin led Desert with 15.

After trailing 40-38 at the half, RSC buried Desert in the second by outscoring the visitors 48 to 23. Villanueva, a 5-11 guard, had his strongest game of the season by hitting 8 of 12 on field goal attempts, a three-point shot and going inside among the big guys to lead the Dons rebounding.

Desert managed only 37 percent shooting from the field compared to the Dons 48 percent. Desert was better at the free throw line, hitting 89 percent of their attempts to 67 percent for RSC.

Sophomore Tony Smalley chipped in 10 as the Dons broke a two-game losing streak.

December Schedule

Men's

Dec. 7	Pomona Pitzer	Home	7:30pm
Dec. 9	Chaffey	Away	7:30pm
Dec. 14-16	Pasadena Tournament	Away	TBA
Dec. 27-30	RSC Holiday Classic	Home	TBA

Women's

Dec. 7	Santa Monica	Home	4:00pm
Dec. 14	Grossmont	Away	6:30pm
Dec. 16	East Los Angeles	Home	4:00pm
Dec. 17	Santa Monica	Away	4:00pm
Dec. 20	Chaffey	Home	4:00pm
Dec. 27	Oxnard	Home	1:00pm

THE PROS

NL considers two blacks for top post

Speculation has heightened this week that baseball owners were strongly considering naming their first black National League president to head the league next season.

Gilroye A. Griffin Jr., a vice president at Bristol-Myers Co., and Simon Gourdine, former deputy commissioner of the NBA, are believed to be the leading candidates for the position. Current president A. Bart Giamatti will succeed Peter Ueberroth as commissioner of baseball in April.

The decision will be made by a search committee headed by the Dodgers' Peter O'Malley.

Another black who is also being mentioned for the position is former Cincinnati Reds star Joe Morgan, now a broadcaster in the Bay area.

WRESTLING

Cerritos pins RSC's title hopes

The Dons wrestling team suffered a title stealing loss against Cerritos in its last South Coast Conference match.

The Dons were looking to defend their conference championship title from last season, when they lost 26-18 to Cerritos.

This was the teams second lost during the '88 season. The first loss was early on in the season to Palomar, another front runner.

The Dons are now looking forward to the state regionals and championship tournaments with their 5-2 conference record and 8-2 overall.



Trevin Lui (44) is tackled by a crowd of RSC defensemen.
Photos By Lucien Philbrick

OCC reserve disguised as quarterback beats Dons, 29-19

Liu scores 3 touchdowns as RSC loses third straight

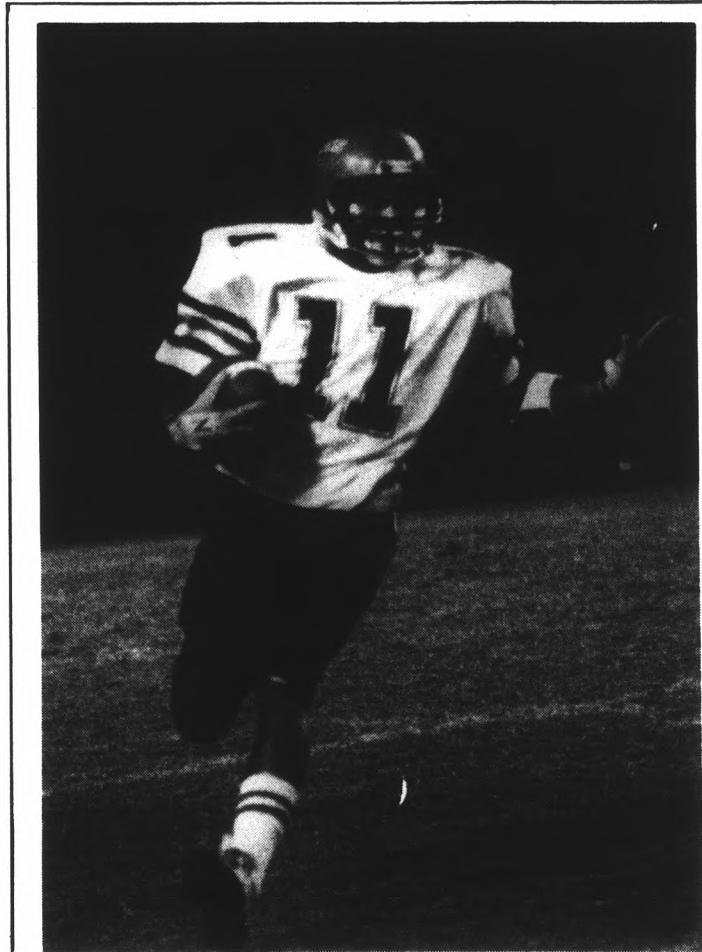
BY ANDREA SCHUGALL,
ALEXANDREA WITTGEN
STAFF WRITERS

Despite losing their last three games of the season, RSC will be going bowling. However, against Orange Coast, they looked nothing like a bowl team.

Freshman Travin Lui, a third-string fullback, came off the bench to rush for three touchdowns to lead OCC to a 29-19 victory over eighth-ranked Rancho Santiago in front of about 800 Saturday night at LeBard Stadium.

Liu took over quarterback duties from starter Mike Crowe in the second quarter and wrecked havoc on the Dons, who were coming off losses to top-ranked Fullerton and third-ranked Saddleback. "He (Liu) was a backup option quarterback at Bolsa Grande (High). We had worked with him at quarterback for a few weeks and tonight we just decided to try him," Workman said. "Obviously he woke us up."

The Pirates (4-6) appeared asleep at the wheel in the first quarter as RSC scored 16 points in a five-min-



ute span and threatened to blow the contest open. Kicker Tim Snitko gave the Dons (6-3-1) a 3-0 lead with a 32-yard field goal in the first quarter. Then, freshman defensive back Paul Hurley intercepted Crowe's pass with four minutes left and returned it for a 58-yard touchdown and a 10-0 Dons' lead.

The Dons struck again when wide receiver Paul Peters caught a 60-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Eric Turner to make it 16-0 and it appeared Rancho Santiago was in route to an easy victory.

However, Liu entered the game and the Pirates became a different team. Liu scored OCC's first touchdown on a 2-yard run that capped a

65-yard drive in six plays. Kicker Kevin McKelvie's extra point cut the Dons' lead to 16-7. OCC scored again when safety Scott Balmos picked off a Turner pass and returned it for a 29-yard touchdown to end the half with the Dons leading 16-14.

It was all Orange Coast in the second half as the Pirates dominated the Dons in every facet of the game. Liu put the Pirates ahead to stay on a 12-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for a 20-19 lead. He also scored on a 7-yard touchdown. McKelvie added a field goal in the fourth quarter as the Pirates ended a five-game losing streak.

RSC hobbles to regional title, advances to state matches

BY TIM SELVIDGE
STAFF WRITER

The Dons soccer team clinched the regional championship by scoring another victory in a tie breaking game with OCC.

The margin of 1-0 broke the two teams season long tie and gave the Dons a Southern Calif. championship and send them to the state championships.

The victory kept the Dons undefeated and gave them their fifteenth win of the season.

JP Frutos, RSC soccer coach, will now look north with his team as they prepare to meet top-ranked Foothill College in the state championship game.

"I want to see what our injuries are like before we make plans for Foothill," said Frutos. "Two players may not be able to play in the next game."

The Dons finished the last two minutes of the OCC game with only nine players, because of injuries. "We're not a real physical team," Frutos said, "It wasn't really a good game."

Rea Julian, RSC player, scored the only goal 19 minutes into the game. The Dons defense held strong under OCC's fire for the remainder of the game shutting OCC out.

"We're happy with the season," Frutos said, "We haven't lost." The championship is the third straight for the Dons. The Dons have been successful in winning five out of the last six conference titles and eight of the last 12 years.

RSC, the tournament's second seed, will meet Foothill Saturday in Northern California for the state championship. The game site was not available at press time.

FEATURE

Susan Helm: Mother of five hoops it up with Lady Dons

BY FORREST LEE
SPORTS EDITOR

Sixteen years ago, Susan Helm played center on the girls basketball team at Tustin High School. At 34 and a mother of five, Helm has resumed her basketball and academic career at RSC.

Helm, a 6-1, 130-pound freshman, earned a spot this fall on the Lady Dons squad as a reserve forward after spending the past 16 years as a wife, mother and homemaker.

"I was just going to school," Helm said. "I was on my way to class one day and saw a poster for the basketball team. I figured maybe I could help the team, so I went and talked to the coach."

Myron Brown, who is in his eighth season as the Lady Dons' coach, extended Helm a tryout and she succeeded by making the squad. Initially, Brown had his reservations but now seems as surprised and pleased as anyone.

"My first reaction was that she's going to find out that it's (college basketball) tougher than she thinks," Brown said. "It's tough for her because she has five kids and it's a one parent situation. I didn't think she'd last more than a week. I've had some players 25 or 26-years old, but I've never had one this old. But I was hoping that she wouldn't get discouraged."

"I believe she's come quite a ways and has improved. She shoots the ball very well."

"I think the hardest thing is getting the plays down," Helm said. "All those plays are like Russian to me. I'm improving though. Part of it is fear too because I'm competing with people 15 years younger than me. I think the second thing is the physical

part. But it's coming. Both the coach and I have seen improvement."

Helm's teammates are expressed too and believe she'll be an important part of the team.

"She picks up on things very well," freshman forward Gail Refert said. "She doesn't show her age. As Coach Brown would say, she'll help toward building the house."

Starting guard Pam Murray, one of two starters from last season's squad and a mother herself, also believes Helm will help. She also recalled her initial reaction when Brown mentioned Helm.

"Coach (Brown) came up and said there was a new girl trying out and then he said 'maybe I shouldn't call her a girl because of her age,'" Murray, 25, said with a grin. "I asked him how old she was, but he just laughed. So I went up to her (Helm) and asked how old are you?"

After graduating from Tustin in 1972, playing basketball wasn't among Helm's priorities. She worked in the high school printing shop, attended classes at Orange Coast College and got married.

At 22, Helm had her first child, Sarah, now 12, the first of five daughters. The others are Karen, 11, Lisa, 9, and twins Katie and Rebecca, 7.

However, after 15 years of marriage, Helm and her husband are divorcing. But, she is optimistic about her future.

"It's (divorce) been an adjustment for all of us," Helm said. "But I have to go on with my life and not worry about the unknown. Whatever happens, we'll just have to make it work. As long as I can stay in school, I think it will."



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